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1. CONCERNING UNDER-UTILIZATION OF SATP SCHOLARSHIPS, EMBASSY BELIEVES A REDEFINITION OF TERM QUOTE REFUGEE UNQUOTE MIGHT RESULT IN MORE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS. AT PRESENT IN BOTSWANA STRICT CRITERIA APPLIED BY GOB IN GRANTING REFUGEE STATUS. AT SAME TIME THERE ARE NUMBER OF RHODESIANS AND SOUTH AFRICANS WORKING IN BOTSWANA WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM SATP PROGRAM BUT WHO ARE NOT REFUGEES IN STRICT SENSE OF "VICTIMS OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION". A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES, PARTICULARLY RHODESIAN, HAVE COME TO EMBASSY SEEKING ASSISTANCE SINCE THEY UNABLE FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT THAT SATP APPLICANT BE A REFUGEE IN STRICT SENSE WOULD ALLOW A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO APPLY FOR PROGRAM. IN SUCH A SITUATION, REFERRAL OF STUDENT APPLICANTS COULD COME FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS RHODESIANS INELIGIBLE FOR INTERNAL
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PROGRAM WHICH SEEMS UNFORTUNATE. THEREFORE UTILIZATION

SATP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WORTHY RHODESIAN CANDIDATES WOULD
BE WELCOMED BY EMBASSY. APPRECIATE ADVICE WHETHER
PROPOSAL A POSSIBILITY. NELSON

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